



Work registration needed for jobless benefits

If you file a claim for unemployment benefits, you are required, in most cases, to also register for work. If you fail to register for work, you may not be eligible to receive benefits. To meet the registration requirement, you must create an account and profile on Pure Michigan Talent Connect. You can create your profile online at www.mitalent.org.

Employers can also use Pure Michigan Talent Connect in their search for workers. They will be able to select potential job candidates from among the Talent Connect statewide pool of job seeker profiles.

How to register for work

When you file a new initial claim for jobless benefits, you will be instructed to create an account and profile on Pure Michigan Talent Connect unless you have a definite return-to-work date within 120 days of your layoff. You must create your account at least three days before your first call to the Unemployment Insurance Agency's (UIA) MARVIN system.

If you register online, you must still report in person to your *Michigan Works!* service center to verify your registration. Take the form, "Notice to Register for Work," which can be found in your green *Unemployment Benefits in Michigan* booklet. *Michigan Works!* staff will stamp the registration form as proof of your visit. You must then keep the form for one year. To locate the nearest Michigan Works! service center, please visit www.michiganworks.org.

Since the Pure Michigan Talent Connect requires information about your work history, educational background and employment objectives, please gather the information before visiting your *Michigan Works!* service center.

Registration authorizes benefit payments

Once your profile is in the Pure Michigan Talent Connect, *Michigan Works!* staff will verify to the Unemployment Insurance Agency that you have registered for work. UIA will then authorize your jobless benefit payments, assuming you meet the other qualifying and eligibility requirements. *If you delay in submitting your resume to the Pure Michigan Talent Connect, then you may not be compensated for the weeks prior to your work registration date.*

Questions?

If you have questions about the Pure Michigan Talent Connect, you can call a special toll-free number for answers. The number is **1-88-TALENT-55** (1-888-253-6855). You can also visit the Pure Michigan Talent Connect website (www.mitalent.org).

If you have general questions about Michigan's unemployment compensation program, please visit UIA's website at www.michigan.gov/uia. If you have questions about your unemployment claim, call the agency's toll-free claims line at **1-866-500-0017**. It is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.